

Missouri lawmakers loosen gun laws

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Missouri lawmakers have overturned Gov. Nixon’s veto on a constitutional carry bill, expanding existing gun laws and providing a “Stand Your Ground” right.

Senate bill 656 will allow most Missouri residents to carry concealed weapons without a permit, training or a background check.

The bill repeals all existing requirements for receiving a concealed carry permit, including sections of the bill that state one needs to demonstrate he or she has participated in a gun safety course and passing a background check before receiving a permit.

Republican Senator Brian Munzlinger said he believes passing this bill is a step in the right direction for protecting Missourians’ right to bear arms since Missouri already allows open carry without needing a permit.

“If you don’t have a permit right now, every law abiding citizen 18 years or older has a legal right to open carry a firearm; no permit is needed for that,” Munzlinger said. “If you have constitutional carry, every law abiding citizen 18 years or older would have the legal right to open carry or concealed carry.”

Republican Representative Joe Don McGaugh believes the bill will breed public protection.

“There won’t be blood in the streets,” McGaugh said. “But what there will be is more people protected by the right to bear an arm legally.”

Nixon vetoed the bill in June, stating that he believed it is wrong for individuals to legally carry a concealed firearm even though they have been or would have been denied a permit because their background check revealed criminal offenses or caused law enforcement to believe they were an at-risk individual.

The bill also includes a “Stand

Your Ground” right, which states that if any person feels threatened, the law protects them if they use deadly force to save themselves or others around them. The bill has also expanded the “Castle Doctrine” by allowing invited guests to use deadly force against intruders in someone else’s home.

The expanded right to concealed carry takes effect Jan. 1. Changes in rules for “Stand Your Ground” are effective Oct. 14.

Democratic Representative Kimberly Gardner of St. Louis showed strong opposition to the bill. “To me, this is modern day lynching,” Gardner said. “This bill would allow open season for vigilante-style behavior and put all of us at risk.”

The effect on college campuses depends on the campus and its policies regarding weapons on campus.

University Police Chief Clarence Green explained Northwest’s policies regarding weapons on campus.

“The law allows for students to carry concealed only after being authorized by the governing board of the University or College,” Green said. “The law on college campuses has not changed, as well as our policy of not allowing weapons on campus other than in the University weapons storage area.”

Green said he does not agree with the new law; he believes the old law was fine the way it was.

“I, along with the Missouri Police Chief’s Association, supported the law prior to the veto override. I, along with many other chiefs, have concern with the new law,” Green said. “Someone who would have been prevented from carrying a concealed weapon under the old law now would be permitted. Eliminating the training piece of the law, along with increasing authorization, creates a danger for law enforcement officers.”

Green also stated that he disagreed with the idea that allowing more people to concealed carry will

further protect the public. Green stated that he believes introducing more guns to the public will create a larger danger.

Senior Shantel Emerson shared her perspective on the new law.

“I believe you should have a permit or at least training in order to carry a gun,” Emerson said. “I think it’s dangerous for someone to carry a gun who has never used it or who doesn’t know how to use one.”

Emerson also stated that, when it comes to the stand your ground right, she believes everyone has the right to defend themselves.

“I’m a tiny person and men are already stronger than women. If I was being attacked, it wouldn’t take much for a man to throw me around. I would like to believe I would do everything I can to survive.”

Eleven other states already have “constitutional carry” laws allowing concealed guns without permits including: Vermont, Montana, Alaska, Texas, Arizona, Wyoming, Arkansas, Kansas, West Virginia, Idaho and Mississippi.

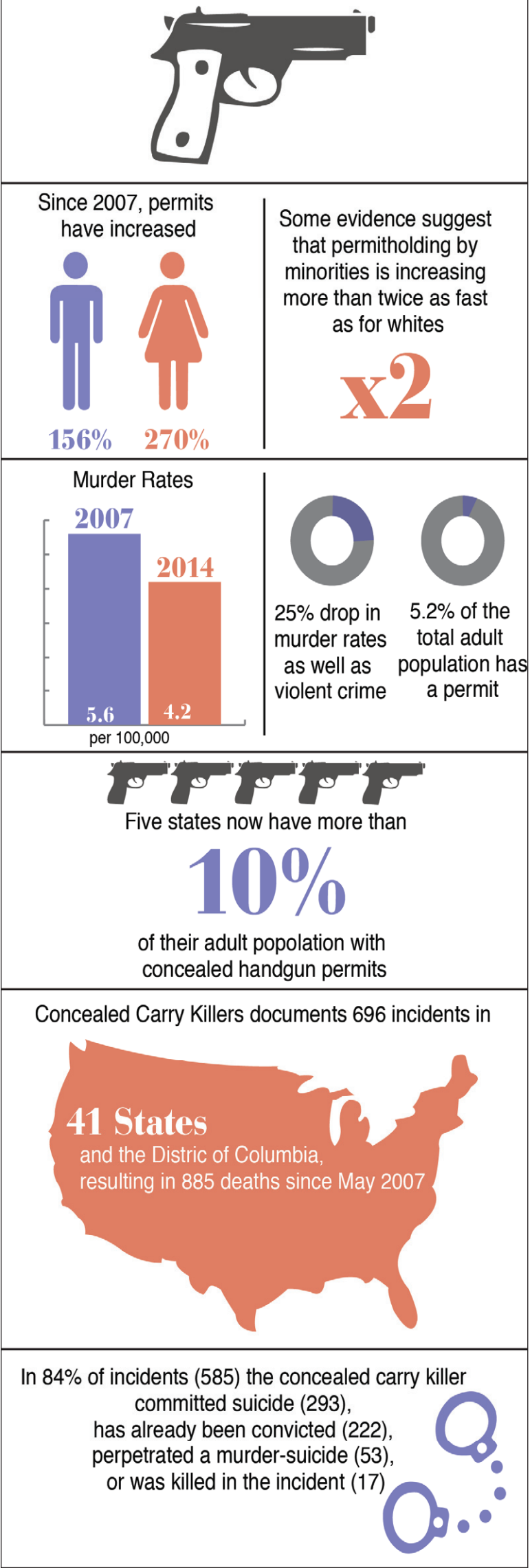
Thirty states have laws stating people have no obligation to attempt to retreat from a threat anywhere they are legally allowed to be. But Missouri’s new law would make it the first new stand your ground state since 2011, according to the NRA.

While the bill does strip several safety measures that have been in place since 2004, it does still have some restrictions.

When the bill takes effect Jan. 1, lawful owners of firearms will be able to conceal and carry them anywhere in Missouri, except in places such as courthouses, jails, polling places or businesses that post “no guns” at their doors.

Background checks for buying weapons will still apply as required on a federal level and local governments can still prohibit people from carrying weapons openly unless they have concealed-carry permits.

Gun Statistics in America



Service dog to escort Williams

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Northwest Missouri State University has welcomed a four-legged navigator to its already diverse campus atmosphere.

Junior mass media major Devin Williams can be seen being escorted by his golden retriever lab mix Ace. By night, Ace is a typical dog. He loves squirrels, sneaking food from humans and is under the impression he is a lap dog. However, during the day, Ace straps on his harness and goes to work guiding Williams.

“When he has his harness on, he knows it’s work time. That’s what his harness is, a uniform,” Williams said.

Ace’s strict adherence to the harness is developed during his short, intense training at the Seeing Eye, Inc. There, Ace was trained on how to identify street signs, watch for obstacles, signal to the person he is guiding and the obedience and observance required to guide someone through the unseen world.

“I rely on him for all travel,” Williams said. “He shows me where streets, stairs or curbs are. I usually always have him with me, unless it’s been a long day then I’ll leave him home to be himself. Just like anyone else, he has his off days and if it’s been a frustrating day for the both of us, I’ll let him be him after classes.”

The two run from class to class everyday, Ace guiding Williams around dangers and Williams showing Ace where to go next. They work as a cohesive pair, Ace acting as an extension of Williams himself.

Williams said Ace has taken on an unprecedented importance to not only his navigation, but his life.

“Before I had Ace, school was my first priority. Now that I have Ace, he is my first priority,” Williams said. “Because of how important he is to my life and my travel.”

Williams said Ace has essentially become an extension of himself. Their symbiotic work relationships rivals great duos like John Stockton and Karl Malone. The key to the two of them working together success-



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Devin Williams walks around the campus with the help of Ace, his service dog.

fully hinges on focus.

While out of the harness Ace has the temperament of a normal dog, in the harness Ace is in full work mode. The urge to pet a dog is shared by most students passing by, but Williams said when Ace is in uniform it is best to pretend he is not there because any distraction can be detrimental to Ace’s ability to guide Williams. Even so much as making clicking noises can throw Ace off his game.

“They think even though he has the harness and is a service dog he can be addressed like any other dog but that’s not exactly the case,” Williams said. “When he has his harness on, he’s only supposed to listen to me and people are supposed to pretend he isn’t there. That’s just so he can focus on the task at hand which is to get me around. Any small distraction can throw him off.”

However, Williams said he recognizes the urge to pet Ace and under the correct circumstances he would be willing to remove Ace’s harness and allow anyone to pet and socialize with the dog. He only requests that he be asked before anyone reaches for his dog.

“When I had my cane, I wouldn’t want people to just come up and grab my cane and that’s essentially the same thing with Ace.”

Other than that however, it is best to pretend Ace does not exist.

“He’s the cutest non-existence ever,” Williams said.

According to Williams, distraction is the biggest problem he faces in day-to-day life with Ace. He avoids being confrontational about the subject with people, but asks they do respect his situation.

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Proposed tobacco tax hike will stay on Missouri ballot

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Missouri Supreme Court on Tuesday unanimously ruled that voters will get to decide whether to raise cigarette taxes to benefit early childhood programs.

The state’s high court said the measure will stay on the Nov. 8 ballot, despite concerns raised by opponents that an earlier summary of the proposal was misleading.

At issue is a proposed constitutional amendment to phase in a 60-cent-per-pack increase of the state’s lowest-in-the-nation tobacco taxes.

It also would raise fees by 67 cents a pack on cigarettes from tobacco companies that didn’t participate in a 1998 legal settlement involving Missouri and 45 other states. Many of those comparatively smaller companies are selling cigarettes at lower prices in Missouri than the big tobacco companies that were part of the settlement.

Critics tried to knock the measure off the ballot after a low-

er court ruled an earlier summary of it was “unfair and insufficient” because it didn’t note fees for some off-brand cigarettes would increase annually.

The description, called the official ballot title, had been given to people who signed petitions to get it on the ballot.

An appeals court ordered the language be changed, but that happened after the group Raise Your Hand for Kids, which is pushing the proposal, turned in signed petitions to the secretary of state’s office. Signatures from at least 8 percent of legal voters in six of Missouri’s eight congressional districts are needed to send a proposed constitutional amendment to the ballot.

Opponents, including little tobacco and convenience store owners, argued the revised language wasn’t on the petitions that voters signed, so none of those signatures should count.

That would have killed the proposal this election cycle.

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NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION
Northwest held a grand opening of five professional schools during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 15, 2016. The schools focus on profession based learning, which is key to Northwest's future academic vision.

Northwest opens five professional schools

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Northwest Missouri State University unveiled five professional schools at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 15. The five professional schools include: the School of Computer Science and Information Systems, Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth School of Business, School of Education, School of Communication and Mass Media, and School of Agricultural

Sciences. The schools accompany the School of Health Science and Wellness professional school opened a year ago. Provost Timothy Mottet said when Northwest unveiled the five professional schools, it unveiled a new academic vision he believes will differentiate Northwest from the other 13 four-year, public institutions in the state of Missouri. “It’s a notion of profession-

based learning,” Mottet said. “My team and I are very committed to making sure that everyone leaves this institution career-ready on day one. And what we mean by that is they’re ready to be a citizen first and that being a professional has certain citizenship responsibilities. And so, for the graduates of this institution, we’re preparing them to be professionals, who will be making significant contributions to their families, to the communities in which they

serve and to the organizations and industries in which they work, that shape and move them forward.” Northwest Board of Regent Chair Pat Harr says profession-based learning is important because it allows students to go beyond the restrictions of majors and minors and become more ready for the workforce. “Students are going to be able to pick courses that will help them attain the job or jobs they’ll have in the future without spending an extra semester or two or three to get all the classwork done,” Harr said. “I think that by becoming more diverse and changing the focus of our students will help them become more prepared or what I would say, ‘shovel ready’ for the workforce.” Director for the School of Communication and Mass Media Matt Walker says the move to profession-based learning allows schools to act more independently. “The move allows us, faculty and school, to be a little bit more nimble and a little bit more economic with our time,” Walker said. “We can be faster in trying to change things. The system of governance now allows us to operate much more

independently to make those adjustments, as need be, and as things in our industry and fields change, we can then modify as well, in a little more efficient manner. It also allows us a little more autonomy when it comes to spending and budget, allowing us to not be quite as dependent upon other schools and what they might be doing.” Harr says change is sometimes difficult, but the leadership at Northwest Missouri State University will help make this professional school program successful. “When you make changes in the world of academics, it doesn’t always go well, with faculty or students,” Harr said. “But the way our Provost Dr. Timothy Mottet was able to change the curriculum to better fit the needs of our student body and then come up with a plan that kind of changes the way we look at how we teach our students, bodes wells for the future.” The reorganization of schools comes after a prosperous pilot program in 2015. The three departments participating in the pilot program included agricultural sciences, business and communication and mass media.

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Phi Mu fundraiser to honor alumni

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Saturday Sept. 24, Phi Mu will hold its ninth annual asthma awareness memorial 5k. The 5k is in memory of a Northwest and Phi Mu alumni, Jennifer Shaw Suhr. According to Phi Mu Philanthropy Chair Samantha Cintron, the goal is to raise \$8,000 and Phi Mu is always looking for donations for the raffle. “All the money we raise will go to asthma education and research at St. Francis and the KU med asthmatic unit,” Cintron said. Some of the highly advertised raffle items include Kansas City Chiefs tickets and Kansas City Royals tickets for the 2017 season, along with some food prizes. The run is in honor of an alumni who passed away. This fundraiser is not something Phi Mu does nationally, but is a special event to Northwest, according to Cintron. Jennifer Shaw Suhr graduated Northwest in 1992 and died of an asthma attack Dec. 2000. Her son Wyatt Suhr is a freshman at Northwest. “The 5k has helped me grow

and deal with the loss of my mom,” Wyatt Suhr said. Wyatt Suhr gets to the event early, every year, to help set up the 5k and gives a speech honoring his mother. After his speech he starts the run and then makes sure the rest of the day goes well. “The 5k was a good reason for my family to get together, and now it is focused on asthma as a whole and it has a pretty deep meaning to us now,” Wyatt Suhr said. Cintron says the goal is to get 300 participants for this year’s run. “We want to keep the 5k growing and to do that we have done more advertising, trying to get more students involved at Northwest,” Cintron said. Northwest organizations with the most attendance will receive a pizza at one of their meetings. The 5k begins at 9 a.m. Sept. 24. Registration costs \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Those who register will receive a shirt and a brunch the day of the race. “We really do appreciate people doing this for the asthma foundation; it really does help and it means the world to see everyone come together,” Wyatt Suhr said.

St. Francis hospital to open new trauma center

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SSM Health St. Francis soon to open its new and improved emergency and trauma center to the public 7 a.m. Sept. 27.

As patient numbers slowly increased under the limits of the original ER, created in 2000, it became apparent nurses and patients needed more room. The area vacated April 12 and is functioning in St. Francis' Medical Surgical Unit.

Renovations addressed the space issues alongside improvements set forth by its nursing staff. The new space includes four examination rooms, two cardiac and trauma rooms and one triage room, or pre-evaluation room.

All of the rooms, minus the triage, surround a central nursing station complete with glass windows for patient observance.

ED (emergency department) and Respiratory nurse manager Pat Giffin noted that community and nurse input played an important role in the design of the facility.

Privacy and layout showed up as major changes.

"The design of this ER was actually a design by the nurses," Giffin said. "We went through a lot of different plans with the architecture, including many different architects, but the nurses' plan is what you see here."

A check-in area allows for a single nurse to direct incoming patients to the triage room located a door over. The nurse knows who's out in the waiting room, what's going on in the room, and can send them from the waiting room into a room as they become available.

The layout is built for the future. Rooms wrap around the facility allowing for ease in future expansion. Plans are in place for such expansions where more can wrap around if need be.

A negative airflow room is planned for use to contain contagious disease from within. Filtered air is directed out of the room and



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St Francis prepares to open a new Emergency and Trauma center. The new center will be open to public starting Sept. 27.

away from other patients. This is one of many improvements that make up the care provided in the center. A treatment recliner and gynecology stretcher have also been added with aid from the St. Francis Hospital Foundation.

Reconstruction caused change in location to the gift shop and registration staff. The center is located near the front entrance of the hospital, creating easier access to patients with limited mobility.

This also spurred the growth of the gift shop whose proceeds help fund medical career scholarships and hospital equipment needs.

Giffin brought attention to the volunteer staff manning the entrance of the hospital.

"When people come in, there's someone there with a smiling face," Giffin said. "That person has the numbers to contacts, knows if they need to register, can direct patients where they need to

go and keeps an eye on our waiting room to make sure there isn't someone sitting there a long time without being attended to."

To get involved, call the hospital at (660)562-2600 and ask for community relations.

Maryville Daily forum reports director of physician practice administration at SSM Health Medical Group Andrea Anderson welcoming two new SSM Health Medical Group physicians.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Snook and Dr. Habersham to our medical team," Anderson said. "Recruiting these physicians is a big win for our community. Bringing them onboard improves our access to care, and both doctors are devoted to providing the best care possible to their patients."

Questions related to the emergency and trauma center may be directed to SSM St. Francis at (660)562-2600.

Public works to address sewer defects in private sector

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The Maryville Public Works Department requested funding for Fiscal Year 2017 at the Maryville City Council's Sept. 14 meeting.

Public Works Director C.E. Goodall represented the department at the meeting, asking for \$200,000 worth of funding. The money will be used to fund defects found in the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Study. Goodall says the purpose of the study was to address defects in the city's sewer system, in hopes of decreasing the number of gallons per minute.

"We went out to bid with a company, Trek Design, in efforts to show us where we have inflow and infiltration coming into our sewer sys-

tem," Goodall said. "Inflow is where a homeowner would have a foundation drain or sump pump that's directly being forced into the sewer. Infiltration is a crack in a city's main line, where rain water could seep through the ground and get into that crack."

The study results showed 483 inflow and infiltration defects within the city's sewer system. Since the initial report came out, the Public Works Department has fixed 35 defects in-house.

As a result of the repairs, the Public Works Department has seen a decent amount of savings on gallons per minute. Following the initial report published by Trek Design, the Public Works Department went back, with a new sewer camera, and identified an additional 21 defects.

Goodall says the several house-

hold drainage systems are deemed as defective.

"We're now going back a saying, 'Okay, foundation drains, sump pumps, downspouts, window wells, and anything else that's tied into the rain water sewer system is now not allowed,'" Goodall said. "It's kind of a catch twenty-two for us because the Department of Natural Resources has now changed the rules on us, saying they don't want other water in the rain water sewer system."

Goodall says the defects need to be addressed, otherwise they will overwhelm the city's sewer system and cause backups throughout the community.

"We have an ordinance that says residents should have a back-up flow preventer on their line, so if something like this were to happen, the

backup flow preventer would prevent the water from backing through their line and house," Goodall said.

Goodall notes the city previously used a lagoon sewer system, where sewer water travelled to a lagoon to settle out, travelled to another lagoon cell and then settled again until it fully cleansed. Within the last year, the city switched to a mechanical sewer system. With the mechanical sewer system, the Public Works Department is using electricity to pump water from the lift stations, so every gallon saved helps cut electricity costs.

City Manager Greg McDanel says residents affected by the defects will be notified within the next 60 to 90 days.

"Some of the areas of inflow and infiltration concerns lie on the pri-

ivate side, the homeowner's responsibility," McDanel said. "The city has been working internally to identify a program that will help residents be able to afford those repairs. Once the program is put together, we'll identify those areas on the private side that need to be repaired and hopefully get those homeowners involved in the program."

Homeowners with the larger defect, 10 gallons per minute, will receive a letter about the defect. In that letter will be an application for the homeowner to fill-out and submit. Once the application is received, the Public Works Department will decide how much money the city should be paying for it.

The Maryville City Council will vote on the proposed funding at their Sept. 28 meeting.

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OUR VIEW:

Missouri legislature abuses power overriding laws regarding gun control and licensing

The Missouri legislature has overridden Gov. Jay Nixon’s decision to veto loosened gun control laws.

The Republican-led legislature overrode 13 vetoes of Democratic Nixon Wednesday. The overridden vetoes included Senate Bill (SB) 656. The override was in defiance of multiple polls that showed a vast majority of Missourians opposed the bill. Virtually every police chief in the state also opposed the bill.

This is an excessive use of power and only helps the legislature, not Missouri residents.

Unlawful use of weapons is a crime when a person carries a concealed knife, firearm, blackjack or any other weapon capable of lethal use. Under the new provisions, a crime is only committed when any of the above weapons is carried where people with concealed carry permits may not carry firearms. This provision also lessens the punishment for that from a class D felony to a class B misdemeanor, along with a few other specifications.

This alone may not seem like a major change in law, but combined with other provisions in SB 656, it could prove to be seriously dangerous.

The law allows a person who owns or leases private property to use deadly force in self-defense or defense of others against a person who unlawfully enters or attempts to unlawfully enter the property.

“Deadly force may also be used by a person who occupies private property pursuant to specific authority of the property owner to occupy the property,” according to SB 656.

This expansion of the “Castle Doctrine” allows guests to follow the same self-defense laws as the homeowners.

The provisions also add a “Stand Your Ground” right to the bill. This says that a person can use deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that such deadly force is necessary to protect himself, or herself or her unborn child, or another against death, serious physical injury, or any forcible felony.

This is dangerous for a multitude of reasons. People have different definitions of feeling threatened and some definitions may be more sensitive than others. Alcohol could also be a factor leading to poor-decision making, which is an important thing to keep in mind when living in a college town.

Here are the concerning parts of SB 656:



the provisions on concealed carry permits and training.

Statute 571.111 which allows a person to receive a concealed carry permit if he or she passes a course taught by a National Rifle Association instructor has been repealed. This means a person can acquire a firearm with no training.

Statute 571.230 which allows a person to pass the requirements for a concealed carry permit and receive a lifetime permir or renew his or her permit every five years has been repealed. This means a person can acquire a firearm with no permit.

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Missouri driving laws require citizens over the age of 70 to renew their driver’s licenses every three years as opposed to the usu-

al six-year renewal required for those 21 to 69 years old. Citizens 70 years and older must also take a vision test and road sign test. Further testing can be done if suggested by a family member, doctor or officer.

Drivers are expected to renew their licenses regularly and repeat these tests because vehicles can be dangerous.

Although both guns and vehicles are not dangerous in and of themselves, they should be treated with caution because they can create dangerous situations. They should be held to the same standards. If drivers are expected to renew their licenses, people who carry firearms should also be expected to renew their licenses regularly.

According to the New York Times, Missouri’s gun homicide rate was 13.8 percent

higher than the national rate from 1999 to 2006 and 47 percent higher than the national rate from 2008 to 2014.

The rates show these are not the changes Missouri needs in legislature. The Missouri legislature needs to repeal these provisions.

Kansas City mayor Sly James tweeted about the legislation Thursday, Sept. 15.

“I’m disappointed, but not surprised, that the Legislature voted to override the veto on SB 656,” James said. “This is a step in the wrong direction and will only make it more difficult to cut down on violent crime in our city. I’m tremendously grateful to the law enforcement community and other stakeholders who joined our efforts to fight this bill. We may have lost this round but the safety of our families is worth the fight.”

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Economic pressure key to removing the bathroom law



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The Atlantic Coast Conference said it would relocate the conference’s championship game from Charlotte to another neutral site Sept. 14, due to North Carolina’s transgender bathroom law.

The ACC joins the NCAA and NBA in moving major sporting events from North Carolina due to this law.

The NCAA said it will move seven championship events out of the state Sept. 12. In July, the NBA said it was moving the 2017 All-Star Game from Charlotte.

North Carolina is facing serious economic repercussions due to House Bill 2 (HB 2). HB 2 requires anyone using a public restroom to use the restroom that corresponds with their biological sex.

Deutsche Bank announced it was canceling a planned expansion in Cary that would have added 250 jobs, and Paypal canceled plans to open a new global payment center in Charlotte that would have created 400 new jobs.

Vermont, Washington, Minnesota, New York and Connecticut banned publicly-funded employee travel to North Carolina.

San Francisco, Seattle, New York, Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta also banned publicly funded travel to North Carolina. Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed released a statement Sept. 5 about this action.

“As a result of (North Carolina’s) Gov. Pat McCrory’s decision

to sign discriminatory and unnecessary legislation into law, effective today (Sept. 5) I am directing all city departments to stop non-essential, publicly-funded employee travel to the state of North Carolina,” Reed said. “Every person, regardless of their gender, gender expression or sexuality is a valued member of our community.”

A study by the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law states that HB 2 could cost North Carolina almost \$5 billion a year. The report considers three different types of economic impacts: discrimination, development and diversity.

The loss of federal funding due to discrimination will be the most prominent. Also according to the Williams Institute, North Carolina could lose \$4.8 billion in federal grants and contracts, primarily from the loss of \$4.7 billion in funding for public schools, colleges and universities.

May 2, the Justice Department warned North Carolina that HB 2 violated Title VII, which prohibits sex discrimination, and gave McCrory a week to scrap the bill. He responded in a tweet that North Carolina is suing May 9.

“We’re taking the Obama admin to court. They’re bypassing Congress, attempting to rewrite law and policies for the whole country, not just North Carolina,” McCrory said.

North Carolina’s lawsuit states “transgender status is not a protected class under Title VII.”

The Department of Justice announced it is counter suing during a news conference a few hours later.

Supporters of HB 2 claim that this bill will prevent sexual predators posing as women from entering a woman’s bathroom, locker room and

shower facilities. In reality, there are zero cases of this happening.

HB2 would force men that once were women into women’s restrooms and vice versa.

That means a man who was born a woman, that has taken hormones, undergone gender reassignment surgery and may have a beard would legally be required to use the women’s bathroom.

In an interview with “Media Matters,” Des Moines Police Department spokesman Jason Halifax stated he had not seen cases of sexual assault related to Iowa’s non-discrimination ordinance.

The Iowa Civil Rights Act was expanded to prohibit discrimination based off sexual orientation and gender identity to public accommodations in 2007.

“We have not seen that,” Halifax said. “I doubt it’s going to encourage the behavior. If the behavior’s there, (sexual predators are) going to behave as they’re going to behave no matter what the laws are.”

HB 2 would not be able to keep sexual predators out of the women’s bathroom just because it is illegal. Meth is illegal and people produce and use it.

Criminals and perverts are going to do illegal activities, no matter what the laws are.

North Carolina needs to repeal HB 2. It is based off an urban myth and is creating serious economic repercussions.

The state is losing money from businesses leaving and the lack of tourism that sporting events would bring in. North Carolina could also lose all of its funding for education if it loses its lawsuit with the government.

Economic pressure will force North Carolina to repeal this discriminator law.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Department Chair responds to students’ minor concerns

MICHAEL HOBBS

Recently, the Missourian has published several editorials about the Deaf Studies minor at Northwest.

Editor for the opinion section of the Missourian Rebecca Boren has asked me to provide further information about the status of the Deaf Studies minor, and I am happy to do so.

This summer, Marcy Roush, who was the instructor for our Deaf Studies minor, obtained a position with the Iowa School for the d/Deaf.

Marcy has graciously agreed to teach online courses during the fall 2016 and spring 2017 terms in order to help students minoring in Deaf Studies finish their program, but her resignation as a full-time faculty member at Northwest has unfortunately left us without an instructor to teach students new to the minor.

At this point, Associate Provost Mike Steiner is working with Human Resources to determine if we will be able to hire a new faculty member to fill the vacancy left by Marcy Roush’s departure.

While we try to determine whether it will be possible to hire a new faculty member to teach courses in American Sign Language, we have placed the program on furlough, which means that we are not accepting new Deaf Studies minors.

We are not in the process of “dissolving” the Deaf Studies minor. Instead, we are assessing the possibility of continuing the program. Since we are uncertain about being able to hire a new faculty member with a specialty in American Sign Language, it would be irresponsible of us to continue to admit new students

into the program.

If we determine that it is in fact possible to hire a new faculty member to teach the courses associated with the minor, we will then consult with the Provost and Associate Provost to determine whether to conduct a job search to fill the position.

While the position remains vacant, the Deaf Studies minor will continue to be furloughed.

I understand that this is a frustrating circumstance for some students at Northwest, and I fully support a student’s right to register that frustration and to urge the University to continue offering a Deaf Studies program.

Ideally, Northwest would be able to offer, fully staff and fully enroll American Sign Language, Spanish, French and Russian courses. We hope for diversity in our offerings and try to cultivate this whenever possible, and we are glad when students voice their support for this.

However, I find it disheartening that a few people feel the need to vilify the University and the hard-working individuals employed by that university for a circumstance that is beyond everybody’s control.

Marcy Roush obtained a position that was a significant advancement of her career. We should celebrate that even though it may mean programmatic changes at Northwest.

As I have done to date, I will be happy to visit in depth with anybody who desires further information about the future of Deaf Studies at Northwest. You can reach me at mhobbs@nw-missouri.edu. My office is Colden Hall 2860. I look forward to future collegial exchanges about this topic.

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Blotters for the week of Sept. 22

Maryville Department of Public Safety

9/10
A summons was issued for forgery on the 300 block of South Munn.

A summons was issued to **Najeem I. Hosein**, 19, for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and equipment violation.

9/11
A summons was issued to **Megan A. Chism**, 19, from El Dorado Springs for MIP and possession of a fake I.D.

A summons was issued for property damage at the 800 block of North Walnut.

9/12
Two summonses were issued for property damage at the 800 block of North Walnut.

A summons was issued for forgery at the 1600 block of South Main St.

9/13
Deandre D. Nichols, 23, from Kansas City, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

A summons was issued to **Lukas R. Hassman**, 20 for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and equipment violation.

9/14
A summons was issued for tampering with a motor vehicle at the 700 block of

West Second St.

A summons was issued for stealing at the 1100 block of College Drive.

A summons was issued to **Hunter D.C. Mobley**, 19, for minor in possession.

A summons was issued to **Jace T. Stroburg**, 20, for minor in possession.

A summons was issued to **Lauren A. Kramer**, 19, for minor in possession.

A summons was issued to **Shawna L. Kingston**, 21, for sale of alcohol to a minor.

A summons was issued to **Aveery M. Logsdon**, 18, minor in possession and under 19 in a bar.

9/15
A summons was issued to **Rachel B. Boucher**, 18, for minor in possession.

A summons was issued to **Amanda L. Wistuba**, 18, for minor in possession.

A summons was issued for stealing at the 1000 block of North Main St.

9/16
Joshua J.D. Wagner was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

9/17
A summons was issued for larceny at the 400 block of South Main St.

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

9/14
A summons was issued for stealing at the Fine Arts building.

A summons was issued for stealing at Dieterich Hall.

9/16
A summons was issued for liquor law violation at Franken Hall

9/17
A summons was issued for liquor law violation at Tower

Suites West.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation at Hudson Hall.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

A summons was issued to **Malik Johnson**, 18, for property damage at the Student Union.

A summons was issued to **Alec L. Johnson**, 18, for property damage at the Student Union.



KOLBY SINCLAIR | NW MISSOURIAN
While Ace is well trained, simple clicking noises or calling his name can distract him from his job.

DOG
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“A couple of people have tried to combat me about the not petting them thing, but they just huff and puff and walk away, which works for me because I’m not a confrontational person,” Williams said.
Williams met Ace at the Seeing Eye, inc. school in Morristown, New Jersey. They were matched together based off a personality questionnaire and face to face test to make sure the two were compatible.
“I told them I wanted a dog that was good with kids, because my family has a lot of them and they had to be good with other animals because our family also has a lot of those,” Williams said. “Finally, I wanted to make sure he was calm, but also kind of goofy. I figured that would match me because a lot of the time I am quiet but I can be pretty goofy too.”
The personality similarities between Williams and Ace is apparent in how close their relationship has

become since the two came together during the summer.
“He likes other people if he’s off harness,” William said. “But the thing is if I leave the room, he does not let me leave his sight. If I am gone for more than five minutes, he’s really happy to see me. He likes to sit on my lap like a kid, but he’s kind of heavy. He loves to cuddle and is very affectionate. We have an excellent work relationship and, off the harness, he’s just a great dog.”
The two went through a rigorous three week training program. Every day they would wake up at 5:30 a.m. and end it at around 8 p.m. During the day, they would go to lectures and run exercises throughout the city. This training was aimed at developing trust between Williams and Ace and informing Williams on how to follow Ace and his signals.
After the day came to an end, Williams would spend the night talking with the other students in the program about dogs and the other aspects of their life.
“We were all tired and exhausted at the end of the day, but we would

always stay up and joke around and talk until about 1 a.m. So for about a month I only got about four hours of sleep,” Williams said.
In the past, Williams could be seen getting around campus with the use of his cane. While he was accustomed to it, issues continued to persist with cane use.
“I kept stepping off the sidewalk and that was really annoying, especially when it was muddy, snowy, or icy,” Williams said. “I’ve fallen a couple times, luckily only a few people were around but I thought it was funny.”
While most cane-related accidents were not harmful, there was an incident where William’s cane nearly missed the top stair behind Valk and he nearly fell. Another time, Williams stepped off a curb wrong because his cane fumbled and it resulted in a fractured ankle. Williams decided it was time limit the risk.
“I just really thought it was time to get something before I hurt myself worse than a fractured ankle,” Williams said.

TAX
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But Supreme Court judges agreed with supporters, who include cigarette giant Reynolds American Inc. In the ruling, the Supreme Court wrote that supporters collected signatures using what was the official ballot title at the time. They said that complies with state election laws, and Secretary of State Jason Kander’s office was right to put the proposal on the ballot.
“The courts of this state must zealously guard the power of the initiative petition process that the people expressly reserved to themselves” in the Missouri Constitution, judges wrote. With that in mind, they said they didn’t find any “clear and unambiguous” requirement in current laws that Kander toss out those signatures or that Raise Your Hand for Kids start over because the ballot title was later changed.
Opponents also had argued in court that the measure is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court said if voters approve it, then that would be the time to raise questions about the proposal’s constitutionality.

Attorney Jane Dueker, who defended the proposal in court, said it’s “a great day for the rights of citizens to propose changes in their laws.” She said she expects the Supreme Court to be more reluctant in reviewing citizen ballot proposals before elections.
“They would never review a law before it was passed or signed by the governor, and I think they wanted to be more in line with that,” Dueker said.
Ron Leone, executive director of the opposing Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, in a statement said the group is “confident the people will see through Big Tobacco’s scam to place many troubling provisions in Missouri’s Constitution” and will vote the measure down.
The measure is one of two proposals to raise tobacco taxes in Missouri that now are on the Nov. 8 ballot.
The other is backed by tobacco retailers and the gas and convenience store group and would phase in a 23-cent-a-pack increase for highways. If enacted, it would automatically be repealed if other tobacco tax measures are certified for local or statewide ballots.
A lawsuit aimed at knocking it off the ballot is pending in circuit court.

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Clues Across

- 1. Employee stock ownership plan
- 5. Teaspoon
- 8. Type of IRA
- 11. Restore courage
- 13. Pet Detective Ventura
- 14. Discount
- 15. Where rockers play
- 16. Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.)
- 17. Computer manufacturer
- 18. Nomadic people
- 20. Liquefied natural gas
- 21. Steps leading to a river
- 22. Benign tumors
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Type of wall
- 31. Pop folk singer Williams
- 32. Greek Titaness
- 33. Expresses purpose
- 38. Type of school
- 41. Least true
- 43. Delighted
- 45. Church building
- 47. Replacement worker
- 49. A sign of assent
- 50. Semitic gods
- 55. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 56. Partly digested food
- 57. Fevers
- 59. Genus of trees
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Gallivant
- 63. Hideaway
- 64. Source

Clues Down

- 1. Major division of time
- 2. Withered
- 3. Portends good or evil
- 4. Single sheet of glass
- 5. More long-legged
- 6. Scrutinized
- 7. Archway in a park
- 8. Oliver ___, author

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- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Disappointment
- 24. Evergreen shrub
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. Young snob (Brit.)
- 27. Midway between northeast and east
- 28. Chinese surname
- 29. Poplar trees (Spanish)
- 34. Electron scanning microscope
- 35. Actor DiCaprio
- 36. Equal (prefix)
- 37. Cartoon Network
- 39. Revealed

- 40. Remove lice
- 41. Supervises interstate commerce
- 42. Whale ship captain
- 44. Baited
- 45. Bleated
- 46. Swedish rock group
- 47. Air pollution
- 48. Carbonated drink
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Ottoman military commanders
- 53. Type of job
- 54. One point east of southeast
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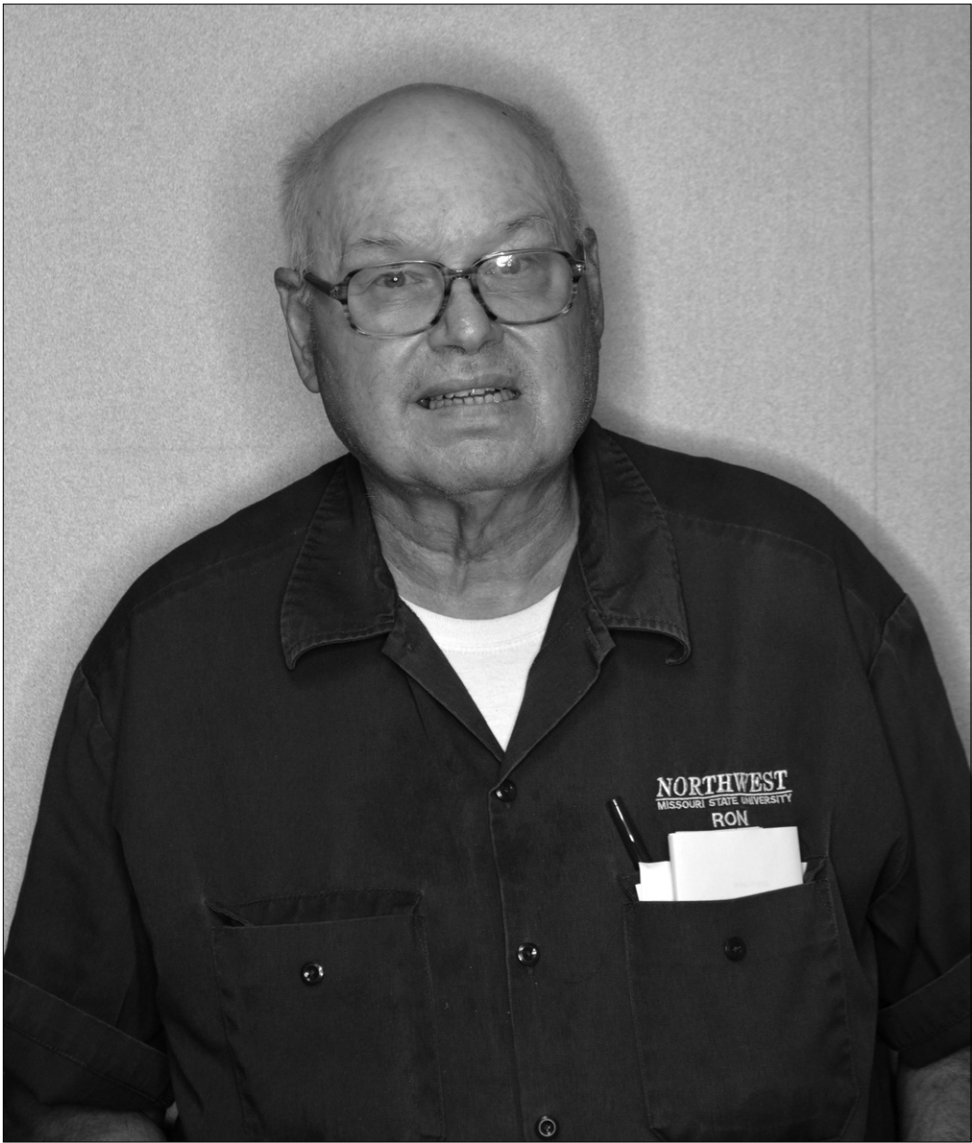
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Ron Heller

After 44 years, the handyman of Northwest is retiring



DARCIE BRADFORD | NW MISSOURIAN
Ron Heller has worked for Northwest for the past 44 years. He is currently Northwest’s longest-serving employee. His hard work and dedication will be missed.

REBECCA BOREN
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Everyone has a calling. Whether it is teaching or firefighting, people have a niche and everyone hopes to find it.

Ron Heller found his niche and stayed there for 44 years. His found it working for Northwest Missouri State University.

Heller grew up not too too far away from Maryville in Burlington Junction. He was the oldest of five children with two brothers and two sisters.

“I went to a country school for four years. Then I went to town school in 1956 in Clearmont. I had a really, really good childhood. My dad was a farmer and worked in town for Homestead Co-op of Maryville. I enjoyed the farm, I still live on it,” Heller said.

The farm has gotten a little smaller since his father owned it, and now Heller primarily grows alfalfa and raises cattle.

When Heller was eight years old, he was in a mowing accident that nearly lost him his foot. He lives with a small handicap today due to its twisted nature and stunted growth caused by the accident.

Although this was a painful experience, it almost seemed to pay off for Heller as he was offered a scholarship to what was then Northwest Missouri State College.

“I didn’t study for college, and I wasn’t really college material,” Heller said. “In high school, I didn’t take the hard courses because I wasn’t expecting to go to college. Just before I graduated, the high school principal called three students in. One had bad eyesight and the other had hurt her back from falling of a horse when she was a kid. He told us he could give us a scholarships to Northwest Missouri State College if we wanted to go.”

Heller went home and relayed the story to his parents. They immediately pushed him to go. Although he was excited for this new experience, Heller faced some difficulty getting prepared.

“I hadn’t taken chemistry, algebra or biology. When I went to college, those classes were really hard,” Heller said. “But I made it. After I got into college more, I got to take more classes I was good at. I majored in Industrial Arts and minored in history, even though I didn’t want to be a teacher. I enjoyed working outside too much. I didn’t really care about the college jobs because I wanted to work outside.”

After spending a few years away with other work, Heller found himself missing the campus he had worked for as a student. His father passed away and Heller came back to his family farm to take over.

“But, I (quickly) got tired of not having any money all the time. So I came out to the college to try and get a job,” Heller said.

It was not easy to get a job on campus. Heller waited a long time before he was hired to work part time as a painter. However, when the economy took a turn, he was laid off.

“I visited Mr. Sipple at environmental services frequently. I told him I hoped he wasn’t getting tired of me, but I really wanted to work for him. One evening when I came in, he told me to call someone and they offered me the job. I started the next day,” Heller said.

Finally hired full time, Heller began working on the grounds with the lawn mowing crew in 1972. He had roughly 15 students working for him.

After the lawn mowing season ended, Heller went back to Sipple for another job. Sipple assigned him to mail.

“There was just one other person working there at the time. I even delivered the North-

west Missourian and took them to all the buildings on campus. Mrs. Eckert, the director at the time, talked me into it,” Heller said.

Heller worked in the mail department for seven years. In 1979, the administration building caught fire and the school lost its central receiving dock. It built another one, but quickly moved the dock to Valk for convenience.

Due to the quick nature of the move, it ended up being disorganized. There weren’t any walls to separate the storage. Heller was called into the new area and asked for help. He built metal walls to aid in organization and took care of the food that was stored there.

Heller didn’t dislike his job, but the lack of organization frustrated him. He would frequently receive calls after he was done for the day to move food to different buildings.

“I had a van with the sliding doors and I would fill the van with these boxes of cans. My van was almost sideways with all the food,” Heller said.

Once Heller had left the mail for central receiving, he was soon asked to be the warehouse supervisor. This was no comfortable job, however, as Heller still did a lot of moving.

In 1981, Ronald Reagan took office. Reagan wanted to make the government smaller and he cut budgets for what he deemed to be “non-priorities” (irp.wisc.edu). This had a severe impact on education and the working staff.

“They took one of my two people working for me and I started having to get the work orders myself. I ended up doing most of the job. I don’t know how I go through it, but I did,” Heller said.

Heller worked as the supervisor for 25 years. When jobs were consolidated, he moved to the material distribution center.

“I could get help, but most of the moving I did myself for the last 15 years at least,” Heller said. “When I started the moving, I incorporated the forklift. You have seen us drive around campus. You wouldn’t believe how much that helped. You could do a job yourself that used to take several people.”

Shortly after starting his career at Northwest, Heller married a woman named Carol and they had six children together.

Heller is also an avid record collector. In his possession, he has over 35,000 standard play records, or 78s, and at least 17,000 45s. He even won a contest in 1987 for the best collection.

“The prize was a \$75 savings bond... I competed against a lot of people. All the working staff (at Northwest) set up tables showing off their collection. I won the college level, then I competed against the factories in town on the Courthouse lawn. I won at the courthouse. I even made the newspapers,” Heller said.

The first record he ever owned was Johnny Hamp’s “Kentucky Serenaders.” It was a dance band record, with “Dawning” on one side and “I Fell Head Over Heels in Love” on the other. Heller was 16 when he bought it from Kay’s junkhouse which used to be located on Second Street.

As far as advice goes, Heller offers up just a few words.

“Have a good attitude. That has helped me through a lot,” Heller said.

Heller has worked at Northwest longer than any other staff member employed. He has seen Northwest through all of its various stages. One thing is for certain, he will be missed.

“It seems like this college almost belongs to me,” Heller said. “When I got the job, Bill Hill, a man I used to paint with told me ‘There is no finer place to work than the college in Maryville. You’re always surrounded by kids and it’s a beautiful place.’”



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This album contained “Dawning,” one of the songs by Johnny Hamp’s Kentucky Serenaders. This song was on the first album Ron Heller recieved. It is one of the 52,000 records Heller owns.



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This photo of the campus was taken in the 1960s, around the time Ron Heller graduated from Northwest. Upon returning, a close friend reminded him the campus was the best place to work because of the beauty. Heller contiuned his journey at Northwest in 1972 working for the mowing crew with 15 students working for him.

Tattoos in the workplace should not be taboo



Visible tattoos in the workplace have been a topic of debate for some time. Should they be allowed? Are they professional or not? Visible tattoos in the workplace are consistently a tricky subject to pin down.

I do not see anything wrong with having visible tattoos in the workplace. However, I think tattoos should not be offensive or vulgar. We should think of tattoos in the terms of television censorship. Would parents want their children to see a curse word tattoo on a teacher’s arm? I agree that people should be able to have tattoos of whatever they wish at any location, but they should be aware of the consequences.

It seems as though it would be easy to deem what tattoos are appropriate to be seen for certain jobs. It may be easier for some jobs, but what happens when the line is harder to define?

According to the 2016 article “Tattoos in the Workplace” by the Huffington Post, there has been progress toward acceptance of tattoos in the workplace. According to the article, 86 percent of young professionals did not think tattoos reduce their chances of getting jobs.

However, having visible tattoos in some jobs can still have some negative impact. Tattooed individuals may have a harder time securing a job. They may also receive less positive feedback from customers.

Bearcat Liz Morales does not see anything wrong with visible tattoos in the workplace. She sees tattoos as a form of expression everyone has a right to.

“Tattoos are a form of expression that I completely commend,” Morales said. “If that is how someone wants to show the world how they are they should be able to.”

I myself have one tattoo that is visible to others. It is a tattoo on my wrist. I have not experienced any difficulties with getting jobs having my tattoo. Granted I have only had minimum wage jobs in the food industry. The majority of negative feedback about my visible tattoo stems from my relatives.

More and more people around the world are starting to have tattoos. According to an article by www.statisticsbrain.com, 14 percent of the United States population has at least one tattoo in the year 2016.

We decide what sort of message we want to send out to the world about ourselves. Tattoos are a way for us to add to our message. If our message is not offensive to the majority of the population, then it should not affect our employment. Hopefully, with more time, having tattoos in the workplace will not be a problem.



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Sigma Society not Greek life, but for life

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Is there a stigma with Sigma Society?

After a little more than a 50 percent increase in enrollment size this semester, Sigma Society is bringing in new members to its family at a fantastic rate since its establishment in 1970.

Though this increase is sizable, a large number of students on campus are unaware of some of the finer details surrounding the Northwest born group. Many compare Sigma Society with other sororities, though

it is totally different.

Sigma Society’s fundraising co-chair Shea Miller feels a lot of the confusion might stem from the idea that Sigma Society is something completely different from other sororities. Shea says many of the same beliefs and goals are shared between the two types of groups, with the biggest difference being only that Sigma Society was built on the idea of serving the community.

“We’re more similar than people think,” Miller said. “We still meet weekly; we have social things, just not a ton of them. We try to help everybody. We want to do something for everybody and I feel like Sigma

Society really focuses on the local aspect as opposed to the national.”

On the sorority side, Sigma Kappa is a similarly driven sorority that strikes a middle ground between its service duties and creating a sisterhood among those who are members.

Sigma Kappa’s vice president of communications Rebecca Mason highlighted the importance of building social atmosphere and the importance of tradition since Sigma Kappa’s inception in 1874.

“Our rituals today are pretty much identical to the rituals our founders did and we take a lot of pride in those traditions,” Mason

said. “We do mixers with other Greek life and we have sisterhoods where we all bond together and hang out. It’s a great way to show the deeper bonds we have in our sorority.”

Sigma Society’s service chair and Northwest junior Bonnie Butler says Sigma Society’s drive and focus on service are what pulled her into joining in the first place.

“I wanted to join an all-service organization that focused a lot on volunteer work and it was filled with people that were just as passionate about serving other people as I was,” Butler said. “I think there is something special about being able to get a large group of girls together to do

something that actually matters.”

Sophomore Hana Mayfield, a member of Sigma Kappa, reiterated the importance of Greek life in every member’s life, another similarity between both Sigma Kappa and Sigma Society.

“I know it’s a Greek stereotype, but it’s not four years, it’s for life,” Mayfield said. “You’re supposed to have these bonds and these friendships and the rituals for the rest of your life.”

Sigma Society has events coming up for raising money both locally and nationally. Check online at their website through the Northwest’s homepage for details.

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Your future is not going to be

perfect. You will have problems, you will work through them and you will move on. The same way you have to live your life now.

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DEEPER MEANING

Student directed one acts leave audience thinking

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To entertain students and guests alike, the Black Box Theater presented a series of one-act plays entitled “An Evening with Ives,” Sept. 16-17. While each play was light-hearted, drawing laughter from the audience, each one was also meant to convey a deeper meaning.

The first performance was “Sure Thing,” directed by student Ashley Reynolds and starring Kali Coates as Betty and Chris Skram as Billy. Betty and Billy are given the chance to change the past with the ding of a bell.

Throughout the course of the act, whenever Bill felt like he made a mistake in trying to win Betty’s heart, he would ring a bell, which sent him back about 10 seconds and allowed him to try again. After a while, Betty began ringing the bell so Billy would say the right thing.

“It was all about timing. We had to get the timing down,” Skram said.

By the end, the two were a perfect match for each other, naming their three future children after Ivy League schools. The act was meant to show that in life, sometimes, it is all about timing and saying the right thing.

“The Philadelphia,” performed by students Sierra Coleman (Al), Cordel Fonfara (Mark), Hailey Vernon (Waitress) and directed by Ashley Burns, came next. Mark, who had a bad day, realizes he is in a “Philadelphia,” a state of being where nothing goes right. When he meets up with his best friend, Al, at a local bar, he realizes she is in a “Los



Northwest students Connor Raabe and Allison Nissley perform their act “The Universal Language,” Sept. 16.

Angeles” where, despite having horrible things happen all day, she is totally relaxed.

Towards the end, Al is pulled into Mark’s “Philadelphia” and finally grasps the gravity of her day. She runs out of the bar, leaving Mark alone with the waitress who

was in an “Cleveland” where “it’s like death, but without the benefits.” The two hit it off and end the act sharing a cheesesteak.

The lesson learned was life is all about attitude and perception.

“We all have to be somewhere. If you play it just right it, it’s the fun-

niest thing in the world,” Burns said.

The night ended with students Allison Nissley and Connor Raabe playing Dawn and Don in “The Universal Language,” directed by Samantha Ruiz. Dawn came to Don, seeking to learn “Unnamundo”, the universal language that would unite

everyone in the world. While Don spoke little English, he was able to teach Dawn this language.

However, the two began to fall in love and Don admits that “Unnamundo” is nothing but a con. With Dawn’s understanding and forgiveness, the two decide to make “Unnamundo” real.

Audience members learned throughout the performance that the barriers we build can be broken down if one were to take a leap of faith and learn to forgive.

Although the one-acts looked put together, it was a long road getting there.

“It was difficult to memorize lines, especially when they’re all gibberish,” Nissley said.

Even though the process getting there was hard, Ruiz is proud of what she and her team were able to accomplish.

“The most gratifying experience for me was during the department preview. During the entire show we didn’t want people to know it was a con until he (Don) admitted it. During the preview, once he admitted it was a fraud, there was an entire gasp from the audience,” Ruiz said. Audience members were pleased with the shows and left with a little more than they expected.

“While I came to cheer on my friends, I really learned a lesson about hard work and the benefits of working as a team,” freshman Josh Munden said.

After the performance, audience members left in good spirits and had a chance to meet the cast members.

Overall, the night was a success for the Black Box Theater.

Child’s Play

a short story by Hannah Culver

He spun a Rubix cube in his right hand. Apparently there was a set of specific moves based on trigonometry that would allow anyone to solve it, but he wasn’t interested in solving it by someone else’s method. He actually wasn’t sure he wanted to solve it at all.

“What do you think we should do?” she asked.

“About what?”

“You know what.”

“Charlie? I’m not sure.”

“Well, what did you do when you were in this position?”

He took a sip of water and looked over at his wife, who was standing poised for confrontation. Her hair was red and tucked up in a messy bun. She wore a baggy t-shirt and leggings and he thought she looked like she was back in college.

“How was work today?” he asked her.

“I got another call from

the school. Charles is getting bullied, did you not hear me the first time?”

He turned off the muted television and turned to her. “Well, what do you want me to do about it?”

“Jesus, I don’t know! Talk to him about it. He won’t talk to me.”

“What makes you think he’ll be more respective to me? If he doesn’t want to talk about it, let the poor kid be.”

“Just tell him that he isn’t alone, that you went through the same thing at his age.”

“That won’t make him feel less alone.”

“You don’t know that.”

The lights were dimmed and one candle was lit. The wick was a little too long though, and the flame was twitching. He watched it and thought about making love. He stood and wrapped his arms around her, tucking her head into his shoulder and rubbing the exposed back of her neck.

She did not soften, but she did not pull away.

“I’m worried,” she said, voice muffled.

“Kids just go through this; it’s a growing pain. Give him time. Those kids, they’ll give up on him after a while. Come on, let’s go to bed.” He kissed the top of her head.

“I don’t feel like it.”

“Not tired?”

“I am.”

He felt angry. “Want me to sleep on the couch then?”

“No, I did not say that. Stop. Just stop. I can’t do this tonight. You always do this. You make every fight grow exponentially when you act like this. This is not my fault!”

“Well it’s not mine either! I just don’t understand why you get so mad at me!” His voice had the tone and the anger of a shout, but they had been parents for eight years and knew how to fight quietly.

“Because you are so damn ashamed and it makes me

sick.” She left him standing in the middle of the living room.

He waited for a moment to see if she would come down the stairs with some sort of rebuttal. When she didn’t, he threw the Rubix cube hard onto the couch where it bounced once and then laid still. He blew out the candle and then picked the Rubix cube back up and put it on the mantle. He didn’t want the dog to chew on it when he went to bed.

The kitchen was dark except for a sliver of a street lamp that illuminated the back alley. He looked out and saw a stray cat attack another for a bit of food, some leftover scrap. He thumped lightly on the glass, but they did not notice, so he walked up the slightly creaky staircase to the bathroom and brushed his teeth. Then he crawled into bed where his wife laid, still awake.

Graphic design professor pushes students to enjoy their work

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“I deeply believe that education is the most important initiator of the development of any society, as well as the perfect path for developing intellectuals who will lead that same society forward,” Assistant Professor of Graphic Design Dejan Mraović said.

Graphic design students have recently become better acquainted with new professor Dejan Mraović.

Mraović brings a lot of experience with him; he has had five solo and 31 group exhibitions nationally and internationally.

Mraović’s nine logos were in-

cluded in “Significity,” the ontology of the best Serbian and Yugoslavian logos 1960-2010. Most recently he was accepted into the fourth Wichita Falls Art Association Annual Photography Exhibition.

Teaching many Graphic Design classes, he brings a new light to the art department.

“Graphic design is a very powerful tool in modern society. We can use visual communication to better describe words, texts and to completely substitute them with drawings or pictures,” Mraović said. “My ultimate goal is to teach my graphic design students how to use this powerful tool in a humanistic way for the sake and prosperity of mankind.”

He wants students to not just learn the software in his class, but to use their own heart and brain to create and design their own unique style. He hopes to have them walk out of class ready to apply for internships, jobs or graduate school.

He does not think there is anything more rewarding than having a student ask questions and learn about art.

He likes to see passion in his students and their work. His passion is the primary force driving his work.

“I want to contribute to the world of art and I want to have fun doing it. Because why do it if you don’t have fun?” Mraović said.

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Tennis increases intensity ahead of ITA tournament

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Northwest Missouri State tennis plans to take advantage of a cancelled match heading into a crucial week of preparation for the season’s biggest tournament.



The men’s team was scheduled to travel to the Midwestern State tournament last weekend. The trek to Wichita Falls, Texas was not made due to weather. The cancellation gave the Bearcats a chance to develop themselves ahead of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) regional tournament.

“Many of them are practicing on their own since we didn’t go to Texas,” coach Mark Rosewell said. “They were all hitting out over the weekend. I’ve seen them out practicing. They are excited about getting ready to the ITA. Preseason rankings are derived from that, so it is important.”

The men’s and women’s teams played in a three way dual with Washington University and Drury University two weekends ago. The meet was another checkpoint for the Bearcats as they prepare for the ITA tournament.

“It was pretty even,” Rosewell said. “I saw a lot of good things, particularly on the women’s sides. On both sides, we won six out of eight in singles, but they came back and beat us in doubles.”

Playing at a high level against competitive NCAA division one teams is crucial for the Bearcats in the fall. Scheduling is developed around this factor.

“We are just trying to get the best competition that we can find,” Roswell said. “I wish we could get the women’s teams

up there, but you can only have a certain amount of numbers.”

The men’s team travels to Des Moines for the Drake University tournament Sept. 23. The tournament will include competition from division one schools. The Bearcats must remain on edge for the tournament because of this.

“We will try to have a little more competitiveness,” graduate assistant Alvaro Riveros said. “It will be more like ITA. We are excited to see how the guys perform with D1 rules in singles and doubles, so it will be a tough weekend.”

Riveros knows what competition levels against division one teams will be. He was a student athlete for the team just one year ago.

“It is only a week to the ITA. The teams play at a lot of high levels. They are going to push them to bring out their best levels. That will help us a lot when we get to the tougher rounds. The more you win, the tougher it gets. Maybe somebody will win the tournament.”

Riveros’ team guidance has been noticed. Athletes who he once played with have observed his advice first hand.

“It is going to help us get ready for ITA because you just don’t want to win in the ITA, you want to do as much as you can,” junior Mauro Tete said. “This week, you get really tough players, you want to get ready for the ITA.”

Tete finished last season 15-6. He hopes to carry himself and the men’s team through the ITA tournament Sept. 30.

The women’s team has the weekend off. This gives the team a chance to rest up and build intensity.

Senior Aniek Kolen looks to lead the



HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Mauro Tete practices his backhand shot during practice Tuesday afternoon. The team prepares for the Drake University Tournament Sept. 23-25.

women’s team through the week off before the ITA tournament.

“We will practice a lot and play matches against each other not just to practice, but for matches,” Kolen said. “That is what you do in the ITA. Get the rhythm going and practice hard.”

NEXT GAME
Drake University Tournament
Sept. 23-24 @ All Day

CULTURE
CONTINUED FROM A14

But this was not an overnight process and, according to the records, the first few years of Woerth’s tenure indicated more of the same. But Woerth stuck with her philosophy and three years later, the entire culture of the program has changed.

Maybe it is her scouting and the way she has been able to develop players through the program. Or maybe it is her sagacious approach to coaching and how she lets her players lead, only intervening to provide an overview or a quick pointer.

No matter the explanation, her commitment to bringing in disciplined players has paid significant dividends. Of the 15 players, six earned all-conference academic accolades for the 2015 season.

The change in culture is not happenstance. Woerth has been quoted on multiple occasions emphasizing her attention to how her players perform in the classroom. Not only has her players’ work ethic caused success in the classroom, but it has matriculated into the volleyball arena. In an earlier interview, Woerth ex-

pressed her pleasure with junior Sarah Dannettell’s success as a student.

“She takes care of her academics, which is important to me,” Woerth said. “Not only does she lead by example on the court, but off the court as well.”

Two ways Woerth’s philosophy has manifested is in sophomore Maddy Bruder’s 3.79 kills per set, which ranks second in the MIAA and junior Alexis Williams 1.31 blocks per set, which ranks first in the conference.

The two aforementioned players are perfect supplements for the two experienced seniors, Jackie Becker and Miranda Foster, who are tasked with leading Northwest.

From top to bottom, Northwest is littered with playmakers, and, although conference play has yet to start, it has solidified itself as one of the premier teams in the conference.

The culture is beginning to change at Northwest and Woerth is responsible for spearheading it. With an established group of leaders on and off court, Northwest has a chance to take the conference by storm. As long as players continue to buy into Woerth’s philosophy, the program will continue to rise.

BEVO
CONTINUED FROM A14

The Little All-American First-Team winner has taken his game to a whole new level. A level at which some players will never reach.

“He’s calling his own games,” head coach Adam Dorrel said.

Piloting the defensive line has been something Bevins prides himself in. The veteran now must usher in the new era of Bearcat defensive lineman. One of the critical lessons Bevins has sealed in his DNA is the awareness to come out of the gates hungry.

“We like to put pressure on teams early,” Bevins said. “It will make it a lot easier for us to come out, do what we do and fly around out there.”

The second team All-American was not always a Northwest Bearcat. His first career of college

athletics began as a red shirt freshman at Iowa State. Not feeling at home, Bevins transferred in hopes to follow the footsteps his family once planted years ago.

“Collin has a long history here,” Dorrel said. “His mother and father went to school here. He had also come to football camp a few years here. He had a lot of really close friends on our team”

Bevin’s cousin, Carson Klocko, played for the team upon the freshman’s arrival. His father Jeff Bevins was a graduate assistant at Northwest while his mother Michelle Bevins played volleyball.

A former Division I athlete, he is not the first to be exposed to the caliber of program Northwest has built over the last two decades.

“Guys that have dropped down are always like, ‘yeesh, you guys got some good players,’ and I say, ‘yeah we do, we do have some good players run-

ning around here,’” Dorrel said. “I think in 2013 that was an eye opening experience for him, as far as the expectation of what Rich (Wright, Assistant coach-defensive coordinator) wants.”

The experience Bevin’s went through was life changing. Everything was new and the transferred freshman didn’t know what to expect coming in.

“Quite honestly no one cares where you came from,” Dorrel said. “No one cares if you’re from a division one school, I don’t care. That means nothing now so you want to see those kids come in here and acclimate.”

It was hard at first but four years later, the veteran has made refuge in Maryville and cemented his name as one of the greatest defensive players in Northwest’s history.

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Missouri Southern
Sept. 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



Jarrood Bishop

Alexis Williams

Zack Staples

Abby Pitts



The junior linebacker returned one interception for a 55 yard touchdown against Nebraska Kearney Sept. 17. Bishop also recorded five tackles (one solo and four assisted).

The junior middle-hitter had three digs and six kills for a hitting percentage of .250 and six points against Truman State Sept. 20. She also leads the MIAA in blocks.

The senior leads the Spoofhounds with six goals through the first 13 games of the season.

The junior has seven assists to go with 12 digs from Kaille Swalley in a 2-1 loss to St. Joseph Lafayette.

Bearcats remain optimistic after consecutive losses

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Despite dropping its first two conference games of the season, the Northwest soccer squad took away plenty to learn from. One of the losses was a 1-0 defeat against No. 3 ranked Central Missouri.

The Bearcats' coach Tracy Hoza was pleased with how her team approached the game.

"It's very positive how we came out and attacked against central Missouri," Hoza said. "That was absolutely fantastic."

Last season, the Bearcats were swept by Central Missouri in two non-competitive games. That was not the case this time. Both teams had five shots on goal at halftime and a good portion of the match was played on Central Missouri's side of the field.

"We weren't actually standing and watching them kick the ball around," Hoza said. "We actually took control. We had it and we put them under pressure."

In the second half, Northwest was not able to control the ball nearly as much, but Hoza was happy with how the Bearcats handled the shift in momentum.

"We were controlled under pressure," Hoza said. "In the second half, we withstood that pressure a little bit more."

Northwest sophomore middle defender Sarah Tyler sees the result with Central Missouri as evidence of what the Bearcats are capable of.

"If they are ranked the No. 3 team in the country and we can compete with that, we can compete with anybody in the conference," Tyler said.

One of the key players trying to turn the Bearcats around is junior starting goalkeeper Ashley Malloy. The third year goalkeeper was off to a promising start the previous year before an injury caused her to miss the rest of the season.

Malloy sees the team making strides in the first five games of



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore midfielder Sarah Tyler keeps possession from senior midfielder Paige Valaika Sept. 7. Bearcats lost the game 1-3.

the season.

"Through the past five games, we've figured out how to work the ball through our team and switch the fields and get more into the attack," Malloy said. "So we've definitely built on all the negatives and turned them into positives."

The team as a whole is a tight group that look to each other for guidance and advice.

"Off the field, everyone is really good friends with each other and that definitely helps us," Malloy

said. "I think that everybody looks at each other in a positive light and really respects what everyone else has to say."

With only three seniors on the team and many new faces, chemistry was a top priority for the Bearcats heading into the season. Tyler already sees a huge difference in this team.

"We definitely have a lot stronger chemistry than we had last year," Tyler said. "In the spring, it was a smaller group because we

graduated so many seniors. So we really focused on gaining good chemistry for all the people that were returning for this year, because we knew we would have a lot of freshmen coming in."

Coach Hoza could see from day one that this squad was eager to work with each other and put egos aside.

"From the very first day of preseason, we knew we had a team that understands what it needs to do and will work together to do it,"

Hoza said. "This team literally puts Bearcats first."

Northwest soccer will face Lindenwood Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. as the Bearcats look for their first win against a conference foe on the season.

NEXT GAME

Lindenwood @ Northwest

Sept. 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

Golf strives for upswing after tough results

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The Northwest Missouri golf team finished in sixth place at the Golden Bear Classic, all five women showing drastic improvements after an uneasy season opener.

Northwest traveled to St. Paul, Minnesota on Monday and Tuesday to compete in the Concordia Women's Fall Invitational. The Bearcats faced seven other teams from Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Minnesota.

Coach Andy Peterson was excited for his team heading into the invitational.

"This is another opportunity to

go up north and play some of the Northern Suns schools," Peterson said. "To get to a regional like we want to get to, we have to be able to beat those teams."

The Bearcats shot 339 on Monday and 334 on Tuesday, to finish with a final score of 673 between the two days of action. Sophomore Elise McDonough had the best score for Northwest finishing with an 82 on Monday and 83 on Tuesday, tallying a 21 over par for the tournament. McDonough finished 14 individually out of 46 competitors.

Junior Maddie Propst tied for 15 with Bellevue University's Faustina Peve, and University of Nebraska-Kearney's Breanna Redl. All three finished the tournament with a score

of 166.

Senior Taylor Gardner and Junior Gia Zupancic both finished with a score of 175. Both tied for 28 along with UNK's Brandi Lemek.

Senior Shelby Williams ended with the highest score finishing with a 193, tying for 41 with St. Cloud State's Samantha Lindeen.

At the end of the first day, the Bearcats were in sixth place, finishing the day with a score of 339. On Tuesday, Northwest improved five points to 334 to hold onto sixth place finish.

Bellevue University's Wendy Monfort and University of Central Missouri's Olivia Sobaski tied for 1 place with a score of 76. Bellevue University was the overall win-

ner of the tournament. They finished with a team score of 649 between the two days.

The Bearcats opened up their season finishing 16 at the Central Region Fall Preview. Peterson and his team were disappointed with how they performed in the opening tournament.

"The bell was rung and we didn't answer it very well," Peterson said. "Talking to the girls about it, we just played very tentative, safe golf and it didn't treat us very well."

Coming off a disappointing season opener, the Bearcats struggled with over thinking their shots. Peterson emphasized his team's need to focus on the mental side of the game, and remaining tough through their struggles.

"We need a little more mental game preparation, and while we are in practice, being confident in our swings and knowing what we want to do" Peterson said. "All of these girls have played hundreds of rounds of golf in their careers, so they have been there before, and just trusting in that."

Despite the low finish at the first two tournaments, Peterson is confident in his athletes abilities. He is refreshed by how his players have performed in the past, and trusts that they will continue to improve.

NEXT GAME

MIAA Fall Preview

Sept. 26-27 @ All Day

Despite loss, Senior Night emotions at all-time high

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Sports Reporter | @TheMissourian

On a night where emotions ran high, the Maryville Lady Spoofhounds took the field to face the powerhouse Jefferson Lady Eagles. It was a night the eight Maryville seniors had been looking preparing for and looking forward to for quite a long time.

After a tough game, senior Abbie Greeley reflected on what senior night meant to her.

"It means a lot; it was a tough loss but we've all worked here together day in and day out and we're just trying to succeed, but we stayed together until the end, and that is all you can really do," Greeley said.

The outcome of the game may not have turned out the way Greeley and her teammates had hoped, but there were some positives.

"The biggest thing you can take away is not the score or how it ended, but your teammates. That's kind of what you remember the most," Greeley said. "I'll miss all the laughs and the good times, because even when things got tough, we were al-



ways there for each other."

When asked what she would miss the most about the game of softball, Greeley admitted the close relationships she built with those on the team will be the hardest to let go

"The teammates, friends and coaches; they're just great," Greeley said.

After the game, Maryville head coach Chandra DeMott talked about the emotions this game brought along with it.

"The senior night game is a big game for us. Jefferson is usually a powerhouse team, so it's kind of a natural rivalry for our girls," DeMott said. "Coming in after a day off from school, we knew it would be a tough start for us, but definitely a lot of emotions from my girls."

DeMott was then asked what was going through her head as she looked around and saw her players hugging and interacting, especially the seniors.

"This is definitely a great group of girls, and I can't imagine losing all eight of them; it's going to be a tough loss," DeMott said

She made it clear that she has

become very close with her seniors over the past two years.

All eight seniors started the game. This led to some girls playing different positions than they were used to.

"We played some girls in different spots to start the game with it being senior night and our defense was different than we've seen before," DeMott said. "We took some hits in places we weren't expecting and it was hard for us to bounce back."

The Lady Spoofhounds will play five games next week. DeMott said she was definitely going to get the girls ready for that stretch of games.

"We've got to come in ready, getting the girls mentally prepared for that. That's a tough stretch of games, especially for a high school kid. We're really just taking it one day at a time," DeMott said.

The Lady Spoofhounds begin their five game stretch against Benton at Maryville High School, Sept. 22.

NEXT GAME

St. Joseph Benton @ Maryville

Sept. 22 @ 4:00 p.m.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Abby Greeley relays into second base against Bishop LeBlond. The Hounds lost to the Eagles 1-6. The Hounds play their next game Sept. 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Veteran quarterback leads the way for Maryville

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For the past three years, senior Trey Oglesby has lived under the lights as the star quarterback for the Maryville Spoofhounds. “It’s awesome,” Oglesby said. “I have 60 best friends on the team. Being a part of something like that, you always have somebody who has your back, or you can hang out with other people just because you have that one football family in common.”

Oglesby was named the starting quarterback his sophomore year. He developed into one of the many weapons for the Spoofhounds.

“He has really grown and developed into a good quarterback,” coach Matt Webb said. “One of the things he does best are the tangible: his leadership skills in the stuff that happens off the field and in meetings in the film rooms. He does a great job watching film preparing for our opponents. He plays in his position very well.”

Oglesby threw for a combined 2,881 yards, 38 touchdowns and 26 interceptions through his first two seasons as starting quarterback. This season, he has zero interceptions.

“I have played at a higher level,” Oglesby said. “I don’t know if I’ve matured or became more comfortable with the offense. I think the front has worked their butts off this year and they’ve just helped make me.”

Oglesby has thrown for 755 yards and 11 touchdowns through the first five games of the season.

He has also rushed for 196 yards and six touchdowns. Oglesby does not want to look at this as a peak in his career.

“Everybody has good or bad games,” Oglesby said. “Each week it changes depending on the coverage or scheme that our opponent has or what it’s trying to do. I try to play the best I can each week, turning around and handing off the ball, or running it in or throwing it.”

Growth on and off the field has



Senior Trey Oglesby breaks away from the Cameron defense on a quarterback keeper. The Spoofhounds defeated the Dragons 92-8. Hounds set to play Sept 23 at home for senior night.

helped contribute to this factor.

“When young men become seniors in high school, they become more mature,” Webb said. “I think he is playing the best he has played. He has the right mindset as far as approaching each game week to week and not looking past the next opponent. He just wants to be a winner.”

Oglesby credits his success to the Spoofhound coaching staff. Strong relationships have helped developed trust between the two sides.

“The coaches know you are out there busting your butt for them,”

Oglesby said. “They do the same thing for you. If you don’t give them a reason not to trust you, they are going to trust you. I just go out there and try a game and play smart and do what the coaches want me to do while we are out there.”

Oglesby has taken upon a sense of indirectly guiding the team off the field to help continue the legacy he has helped develop over the past three seasons.

“What leadership is, is making others around you better,” Webb said. “That’s a tradition of leader-

ship in my mind, is do other people around you get because of your actions and the way you lead your life and the team. The overall success of our offense is based on a balanced attack and Trey does an excellent job making others around him better.”

Basketball and golf have also been a part of Oglesby’s identity through his time as a Spoofhound. He has performed at a quality level in each sport, but has no commitment to continue his talent outside of high school.

“I’d be really interested in playing any sport,” Oglesby said. “I have not had any looks or anything, but I wouldn’t say no to a school who gives me an offer.”

Oglesby and the Spoofhounds take the field against Benton for senior night Sept. 23. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

NEXT GAME
St. Joseph Benton @ Maryville
Sept. 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hounds build win streak around mentality

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The Spoofhound girl’s tennis team extended its undefeated record once again, defeating Chillicothe 8-1 Tuesday night.

The Hornets traveled to Maryville (13-0) in hopes of upsetting the undefeated Spoofhounds, but after several hard fought battles, Maryville prevailed.

Coach Nicole McGinness was thrilled with how her athletes played, not only Tuesday but throughout the season thus far. She attributes much of her team’s success to its mental toughness in the face of challenges.

“The girls, at this point, are playing with confidence, which is what they need,” McGinness said.

McGinness was especially proud of how her doubles teams played. Throughout the season, McGinness has had to switch up her doubles teams, so her athletes haven’t been able to partner with the same person every match.

“I have had to mix and match my doubles this whole season, so they are just now starting to play with the same people,” McGinness said. “For them to do this well and

not even have that many games under their belts together, I think that is really good.”

The doubles teams all finished their matches with huge wins. Seniors, No. 1 Lauren Macali and No. 3 Bethel Orshisho, defeated Chillicothe’s Gracy Reeter and Hannah Cypert 8-2 to start the night.

Following that, No. 2 sophomore Marena Mendez teamed up with No. 4 senior Bailey White to win 8-3 over the Hornets’ Maelaina Vanfossen and Danielle Rapp. No. 5 junior Taybrin Oglesby and No. 6 senior Maggie Kempf finished the night for the doubles team with an 8-3 win over Chillicothe’s Macy Cavanaugh and Hunter Keithley.

The Spoofhounds also dominated the singles matches, only losing one match overall. That one loss came when Spoofhound Kempf lost to Hornet Keithley 2-8.

In the No. 2 match, Mendez battled back from a three set deficit to win the match 8-3 over Vanfossenn. McGinness was stunned to see Mendez down three sets, but was confident that she would battle back.

“Except in a tournament, I don’t think she’s been down in a regular season match this year, so when I looked over and saw that, I was surprised,”

McGinness said. “But she just came right back, because she’s got that mental toughness.”

In the No. 1 singles match, Macali defeated Chillicothe’s Reeter 8-1. Macali is 15-3 this season. Heading into the district tournament, Macali is ecstatic about how the season is going, both for herself and for her team as a whole.

“We’ve been playing phenomenally,” Macali said. “I’m really proud of how all the girls have been performing this year because we have been working so hard this season, and it really shows.”

Maryville’s Orshisho also won 8-1 over the Hornets’ Cypert in the No. 3 match. In the No. 4 matchup, Bailey White beat Chillicothe’s Danielle Rapp 8-4. Taybrin Oglesby finished out the night with an 8-5 victory over Macy Cavana in the No. 5 match.

Despite their overwhelming victory, the Spoofhounds faced several challenges throughout their matches. One of the biggest, yet unavoidable struggles was the heat. With temperatures reaching the 90s, both teams struggled to play through such conditions. McGinness was impressed with how her athletes continued to battle, despite the unusual high temperature.



Senior Lauren Macali follows through a match against Chillicothe Sept 20.

“I think this just shows that we can really play in any type of condition, because we haven’t had it this hot yet,” McGinness said.

McGinness also said that they struggled with some fundamentals as well. She emphasized that her team needs to continue working on serving and playing up at the net in order to reach its full potential.

The Spoofhounds have one more regular season match against St. Joseph Benton Thursday Sept.

22 at 4 p.m.

Following that matchup, Maryville will head to the District Tournament Tuesday, Sept. 27. The Spoofhounds are the No. 1 seed in Class 1 District 16. They will play the winner of Chillicothe and St. Joseph Lafayette.

NEXT GAME
Maryville @ St. Joseph Benton
Sept. 22 @ 4:00 p.m.

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	MIAA Standings	MIAA Standings	MIAA Standings	MEC STANDINGS
	Overall	Overall MIAA	Overall MIAA	Overall MEC
	*NORTHWEST..... 3-0	Nebraska Kearney..... 14-0 0-0	Northeastern St..... 6-0 0-0	*MARYVILLE..... 5-0 3-0
	Central Missouri..... 3-0	Central Oklahoma..... 13-0 0-0	Central Missouri..... 5-0 0-0	Smithville..... 5-0 3-0
	Emporia St..... 2-1	*NORTHWEST..... 12-0 0-0	Missouri Western..... 5-1 0-0	Chillicothe..... 4-1 2-1
	Fort Hays St..... 2-1	Fort Hays St..... 12-0 0-0	Central Oklahoma..... 4-1-1 0-0	St. Joseph Lafayette..... 4-1 2-1
	Missouri Western..... 2-1	Central Missouri..... 10-2 0-0	Fort Hays St..... 4-1-1 0-0	Bishop LeBlond..... 3-2 2-2
	Pittsburg St..... 2-1	Washburn..... 9-3 0-0	Lindenwood..... 3-2 0-0	St. Joseph Benton..... 2-3 1-2
	Washburn..... 2-1	Missouri Western..... 8-4 0-0	Washburn..... 3-2 0-0	Cameron..... 0-5 0-3
	Lindenwood..... 1-2	Emporia St..... 7-5 0-0	Emporia St..... 2-2-1 0-0	Savannah..... 0-5 0-3
	Northeastern St..... 1-2	Lindenwood..... 4-5 0-0	Nebraska Kearney..... 2-3-1 0-0	
	Central Oklahoma..... 0-3	Missouri Southern..... 3-10 0-0	*NORTHWEST..... 2-2 0-0	
	Missouri Southern..... 0-3	Southwest Baptist..... 3-10 0-0	Missouri Southern..... 1-2-1 0-0	
	Nebraska Kearney..... 0-3	Pittsburg St..... 2-10 0-0	Washburn..... 0-4 0-0	
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SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior defensive tackle Collin Bevins totals a record of eight tackles, two tackles for loss in the season so far. Bevins also includes six quarterback hurries.

Bevins to end career as legend

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The legendary toughness of senior Collin Bevins has been and will continue to be the hub of the Bearcat defense.

The Creston high school graduate has generated excitement noteworthy to NFL scouts across the country.

The defensive end’s gritty attitude and tenacious pursuit was established in a small town of less than 8,000 where his athletic career ended with not a football but a wrestling state champion around his waist.

“I’ve been wrestling since I could walk,” Bevins said. “It’s kind of a religion around there. You live and breathe wrestling season in the winter.”

Since then Bevins has been rewarded with national titles as a Northwest Bearcat in 2013 and 2015.

The defensive end is in a class of his own. The senior has placed himself among some of the greatest defensive players in Northwest



2015 Awards

Unanimous First Team All-MIAA

CCA Second Team All-American

AP Little All-American First Team

MIAA Co-Defensive Player of the Year

MAKENZIE DOCKERTY | DESIGN EDITOR

SOURCE: BEARCATSPORTS.COM

Bearcat history. Those legends including Matt Longacre and Dave Tollefson, finding themselves in the top tier of the Northwest record book. One of the many statistics Bevins joins these two in is career sacks.

While Longacre is ranked No. 1 on the list, Bevins is hot on his trail climbing the chart at No. 3 and only 4.5 sacks separate them.

“Being mentioned in the same sentence is an honor to me,” Bevins said. “I still look up to (Longacre) and watch film on him every day. It’s special to me.”

In 2005 Tollefson, a two-time

super bowl champion with the the New York Giants, broke the single season sack record at Northwest, snatching the title away from Longacre, set in 2013.

In 2015 Bevins surpassed them both, etching his name at the top of the list with 15.5 sacks.

Bevin’s name is listed multiple times throughout the Northwest record books, including tackles for loss(43) and sacks (26). In 2015 Bevins set a single season record in tackles for loss with 26.5, breaking a record set by Charlie White in 1981.

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Making history

Woerth succeeds in changing program’s culture



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Blend together a group of audacious, resilient hungry players plus a young but experienced head coach, and suddenly one has a quality team in just about any sport.

The ironic thing is that, while both parts are often difficult to find, this year’s Northwest volleyball team has the luxury of being able to

field both on any given night.

Head coach Amy Woerth often dotes on her team’s mental toughness, stating its resiliency is what impresses her the most. While that may be true, what she fails to mention is, at some point, a certain amount of talent is required for a team to perform at a historical level.

Yet for all of the hype surrounding Northwest’s start, the word historic just does not feel right. Sure, Northwest’s 11-0 start is its best since 1984 and sure, a few of its wins came against quality oppo-

nents such as Rockhurst University, ranked No. 24. But this start is not just a one-time phenomenon, it’s a symptom of bigger things to come.

Prior to Woerth’s arrival as interim head coach in 2012, the last winning season for Northwest came in 2000 when it went 17-15. After finishing 15-14 in 2015, Northwest is now ideally placed for its first consecutive winning season in over a decade.

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DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Maddy Bruder throws a quick serve to Truman State Tuesday evening. Bruder scored 15.5 points over three matches. Bearcats defeated the Bulldogs 3-0 to continue the season.

Bearcats survive challenge, extend momentous win streak

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After handily beating opponents in a majority of its first 11 contests, Northwest was tested at home by Truman State.

On paper, Northwest had the clear advantage. An 11-0 record plus a spot in the top 25 poll made the team the favorite over Truman State, which entered the contest with a record of 2-8. But just minutes into the first set, Truman sent a message that it was not going to be overlooked so easily.

Although the first set belonged to Northwest, it would not be without a fight. Truman matched Northwest blow for blow until it fell 25-19.

Led by junior Alexis Williams and sophomore Maddy Bruder, Northwest dominated attack percentage with .098 compared to Truman’s .031. In the absence of senior Jackie Becker, the younger players took advantage of the opportunity.

Junior Sarah Dannettell led both teams in assists with 12 while sophomore Olivia Nowakowski led both teams in digs with six.

Being down early in the second set only prompted Northwest to be more aggressive. Going on a 9-2 run after trailing allowed Northwest to take the lead and never give it back. With strong performances from Bruder and senior Miranda Foster, Northwest took the set 25-23.

“We like to take every game as an opportunity to get better,” Foster said. “Truman really did push us, but it was awesome because not only were we tested mentally, but also they also tested the physical strength of our

team because with a few players being out, other teams will try to focus on that.”

If attacking the replacements was the strategy for Truman entering the contest, it did little to help it in the end. When called upon, the younger players answered and it left a positive impression on the veterans.

“It was like the Great Wall of China and it took every one of us to be a cinder block in that wall,” Foster said. “Darcy (Sunderman) played well for us and the two freshman middles also played well for us.”

As far as Sunderman is concerned, she has been contributing quality plays for a while now.













“Darcy (Sunderman) is doing her job well,” Woerth said. “People don’t necessarily know about her because she’s quiet about it, but she is consistently putting the ball away.”

At first glance, the freshmen on the team should require a little time before being afforded quality minutes. But considering the amount of time spent on campus during the summer, the younger players entered the season more experienced and ready to go from week one.

With younger players stepping up and the veterans leading the charge, Northwest took the third and final set 25-20 in what, like the two sets prior, was a fist fight. In the end, Bruder led both teams in points scoring 15.5 while Foster came in second with 10.

The win gives Northwest a record of 12-0 which extends its best start since 1984. Northwest travels to Bolivar to face Southwest Baptist Sept. 23 to open conference play.

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Southwest Baptist
Sept. 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

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UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AWAY)	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - ST. LOUIS (AWAY)	MARYVILLE COLLEGE (AWAY)	GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY (AWAY)	EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (HOME)	TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY (HOME)
					
3-1	3-1	3-2	3-0	3-0	49-13
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (HOME)	OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY (HOME)	ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY (HOME)	ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY (AWAY)	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY (AWAY)	HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY (AWAY)
					
3-2	3-0	3-2	3-1	3-0	3-0

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